

## **Executive Director Message to All Staff**

**January 6, 2012**

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department's Board has just announced the selection of Cherie Townsend to serve as the agency's new Executive Director, effective immediately. Five finalists for the position were interviewed by a board committee yesterday and three were selected to be interviewed by the full board today.

Ms. Townsend previously served as the Executive Director of the Texas Youth Commission from Sep. 1, 2009 through Nov. 30, 2011. Prior to that, she was the agency's Executive Commissioner from October 2008 through Aug. 31, 2009.

We congratulate and welcome Ms. Townsend, and we appreciate the Board's diligence in carefully considering candidates for this important position. It has been my pleasure to serve as your interim executive director and I truly appreciate your efforts and support during this past month of transition. I look forward with you to TJJD's future as one of the nation's most respected juvenile justice agencies.

Robin McKeever